Implementation of the scheme of smokeless chullahs in U.P.

2639. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of improved smokeless chullahs has been extended to and implemented in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, how much population of the State has been covered by the above scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that requests have been made from certain quarters in the State for the speedy implementation of the scheme in their areas;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have received representations against the indifferent attitude of the local officials responsible for implementing the scheme; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) National Project on Improved Chullhas is being implemented in all States of India including Uttar Pradesh. The nodal/implementing agencies for this programme in Uttar Pradesh are the State Department of Rural Development and Non-Conventional Energy Development Agency of the State. These State agencies allocate targets to various districts.

(b) By September 1986, 2,10,752 houses have been provided improved chullhas in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Some requests have been received from individuals/agencies in Uttar Pradesh for coverage of certain areas of the State. The State Government and its nodal agency were requested to do the needful.

(d) No specific complaint against the officials of the State has been received so far.

(e) Does not arise.

DESU General Manager's visit abroad

2640. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the General Manager of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking belongs to Indian Administrative Service cadre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that General Manager Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking paid visits abroad couple of times in connection with the installation of gas turbines;

(c) if so, what is the total expenditure incurred on these visits;

(d) the reasons for selecting a non-technical person for an exclusively technical matter;

(e) whether Government are considering elimination of wastage of money in this regard in future; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The General Manager, Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking accompanied by the Superintending Engineer, in charge of the Gas Turbine Project visited France only once in August, 1985 in connection with the finalisation of the contract documents of Gas Turbines with M/s. Alsthom.

(c) Approximately Rs. 36,000 were spent in connection with the visit of the General Manager, DESU.

(d) The visit of the General Manager along with the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Gas Turbine Project to